

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly define the invention.

Original claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ruth, U.S. Patent Number 6,352,447.

It is respectfully submitted that the Ruth reference discloses a completely different structure than the power socket housing of Applicant and does not anticipate amended claims 1-5 in the present application. To be more specific, Ruth does not disclose or suggest the socket housing and a container having a solid base two solid end walls and two upwardly extending side walls defining an accommodating chamber and wherein an exterior of the socket housing forms an outer cover of the accommodating chamber by wedging and joining to an upper surface of the socket housing, and forms an elevated body by covering a lower surface of the socket housing. This concept is not disclosed or suggested by Ruth.

Accordingly, claims 1-5 should be allowed.

Clearly, there is no suggestion of an exterior of the socket housing forming an outer cover of the accommodation chamber in the Ruth patent. Further, Ruth fails to disclose a plurality of parallel elongated insertion openings for receiving a plug or a single extension wire. In essence, it is Applicant's contention that what Ruth discloses is apparatus for attaching a bundle of cables to operational devices by providing a plurality of sleeves. Ruth does not disclose a plurality of openings for connection to a single extension wire. Therefore, amended claims 1-5 should be allowed.

Applicant's contention is further supported by the Manuel of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) Section 2131. As provided therein:

TO ANTICIPATE A CLAIM, THE REFERENCE MUST
TEACH EVERY ELEMENT OF THE CLAIM.

“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” (Cite omitted)

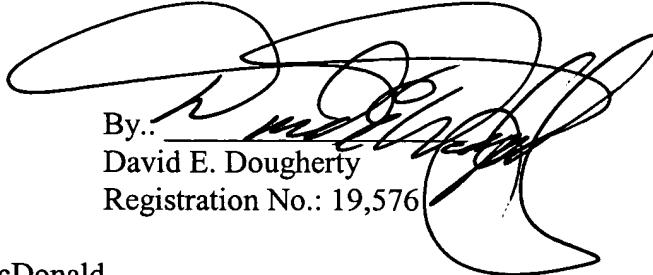
“The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” (Cite omitted)

It is respectfully submitted that since each and every element of the claim is not disclosed by the Ruth reference, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn.

Further, claim 5 is distinguished over the cited references for all of the reasons set forth above. In addition, it is Applicant’s contention that there is no basis for combining the Huang reference with Ruth. What Huang discloses is a light bulb assembly and wherein each bulb is attached to the assembly by a hook. Accordingly, it is Applicant’s contention that claim 5 should also be allowed.

Since all the claims are now in proper form, and clearly and patentably distinguished over the cited art, prompt favorable action is requested.

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